



Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee Report
February 11, 2008

The Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met two times since the AWIB meeting in October, 2007. The committee worked on the following issues since the last board meeting;

1. Regional Advisory Councils (RAC's);
2. Strategic Directives and Top Priorities; and

Regional Advisory Councils

Representatives from the RAC's are positive and look forward to working with the new AWIB and share our energy. We have had the following guests at our meetings: Charlotte Brower from the Savaat Center in Barrow, Jim Lynch from the Interior Alaska Regional Council in Fairbanks, and Mike Catsi representing the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference.

Staff met with Mike Catsi in December to discuss expectations and roles of the Regional Advisory Councils. AWIB staff has been invited to attend the annual summit for the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference on January 31st to give an update on Regional Advisory Councils.

Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

The committee determined the top three directives for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee to be (listed from highest):

- Collaboration and partnerships both interdepartmental and across disciplines, state & federal agencies, non-profits, education & labor, corrections, industry and communities. This includes knowledge of all providers of training and resources and the need for a coordinated training system for Alaska.
- Create employer incentives to increase Alaska hire. Recognition for employers, i.e. best value contracting (points for resident hire). Potential incentives – tax incentives, paid training scholarships. Governor's Citation, DOA Procurement Orientation.
- Provide maximum employment of residents as part of plan in the state's future development of resources and infrastructure.

At the October, 2007 meeting, the AWIB directed the committees to determine milestones, resources and success measures for the top three priorities. These are included in the strategic directives document. The committee will begin working on these priorities at the next committee meeting scheduled for March 27, 2008.